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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel original claims 1-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 33-66 as follows:

33. {NEW} A method for connecting a first unit to an ad hoc network comprising at least two units having different roles, the method characterized by the steps of:

the first unit establishing contact with at least one of the units of the ad hoc network and said at least one unit, in the establishment of contact, sending information to the first unit, the information including an indication of the role of said at least one unit in the ad hoc network, and

the first unit thereafter, based on said information, connecting to said at least one unit, the first unit thereby becoming connected to the ad hoc network.

34. {NEW} A method according to claim 33, characterized in that in the step of establishing contact, the information includes operational information of itself and/or